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GREAT LOSSES CHECK OFFENSIVE OF ALLIES

Various Leaders Agree That Serious Forward Movement Against Germans Should Be Delayed Until Lord Kitchener's New Army Is Prepared For Field; Advances of Last Few Days Have Proven Unusually Costly

London, Dec. 31.—There are increasing indications in the opinion of British observers that the serious allied offensive movement against the whole German line in the western arena of war will be postponed until a large contingent of Lord Kitchener's new army take the field.

The losses of the allies in tentative thrusts onward here and there have been heavy and it is understood the various leaders have united in the opinion that the sacrifice of a general advance now would be too great.

Paris, Dec. 31.—An official communication issued today says: "From the sea as far as the Alsace, yesterday passed with relative calm. There were artillery exchanges on some points of the front. In the Champagne district west of the Aisne, which is north of Sillery, in a section of Rheims, the enemy during the night blew up two of our trenches and then delivered against these positions an attack which our men repulsed."

"North of Meuse-Les-Hurlus, we occupied certain positions on the enemy's second line of defense. In this same region, at a point north of the farm of Beausjour, we also occupied some trenches. The enemy delivered a counter attack, but was driven back."

"In upper Alsace, French troops have entered the village of Steinbach, and have occupied with house to house fighting one-half of the community."

Tokio, Dec. 31.—In its denial of reports that Japanese troops have been landed at Vladivostok or any other place, enroute to Europe, the foreign office included this statement:

"Japan has not been approached by Great Britain or any other country to send an army to Europe."

It was learned from other sources here that France and probably Russia are favorable to the project of sending Japanese troops to Europe but that England hesitates to ask for Japan's help.

The financial phase of the matter it is stated could be arranged, but economic and political questions involved are difficult. Meanwhile, frequent meetings are called in Tokyo by publicans of the project to awaken public enthusiasm in this direction and there is active discussion in newspapers supporting the plan to dispatch volunteers. It is stated that the assistance of Count Okuma, the premier, has been solicited by supporters of the project.

MANY THEFTS WORRY POLICE

Burglars Active in Various Parts of City Last Night; One Man Arrested.

Although disbelieving the existence of so-called crime waves, the police admitted that something of that nature must have swept the city last night when a list of robberies were reported this morning.

The first robbery reported was that of the residence of L. C. Thurmond, 440 West Fifteenth street, which was entered sometime last night in the absence of the family. A negro porter who has been watching the house said that it had been rifled and an unestimated amount of valuables taken.

Nam St. Mary, a tailor, the owner of game cocks said to be worth \$2,500 reported all had been stolen from the State Fair grounds. One fowl valued at \$300 was among the missing assets of the police.

The home of Mrs. Sarah Turk 929 West Seventeenth street was robbed, say the police. Mrs. Turk was absent from the city and although not reported until today it is thought that the robbery was committed several days ago.

Several other minor robberies were reported. One house was reported robbed of a diamond ring and clothes. A cleaning and pressing establishment was robbed of several suits of clothes and another home was robbed of one suit of clothes last night. R. S. Simmons was arrested. He had two suits of clothes.

JAPANESE RED CROSS ON WAY TO AID THE ALLIES

New York, Dec. 31.—The East and West News Bureau has given out mail address from Baron Osewa, vice-president of the Japanese Red Cross society at Tokyo, that a relief corps from the Japanese Red Cross society is on the way across the Pacific to aid the Red Cross of Great Britain.

Blindfold details of doctors and nurses have been sent to France and Russia. Great admiration for the relief work of the American Red Cross in the war zone was expressed by the baron's message.

CZAR VISITING HIS SOLDIERS IN THE FIELD.



Czar Nicholas, despite the wintry weather in the Russian field of battle, has not hesitated to visit his Cossacks, and this photograph shows him congratulating the men who have won his approbation. He has spent as much time in the field as has Kaiser Wilhelm since the war began.

Warring Nations Tell How United States as Neutral Country Can Serve Humanity

New York, Dec. 31.—Representatives of four countries engaged in the European war contribute to a current issue of World's Work views on how the United States as a neutral nation, can be of the most service to humanity. The statements, which follow, embrace the personal views of Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs of Great Britain; Count Okuma, premier of Japan, and Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, chancellor of the German empire, and the official Austrian view, submitted by Dr. Constantin Theodor Dumba, the ambassador of Austria-Hungary to the United States.

De Right. Sir Edward Grey—"If the World's Works wants a contribution to its central idea of enquiring how the United States may best serve the interests of civilization at this period of change and re-definition; how best their immunity may be used; and what is their opportunity, not only selfishly, but altruistically, the only thing I can say is that a great nation standing outside this European conflict should

use what influence it can on the side of right and against wrong. Perhaps I may explain how impossible it is for a member of a government who believes that they are fighting for the independence of their country, and that all they care for and believe is at stake, to do anything except plead the cause of that country and to ask at least for sympathy."

Wise Counsel. Count Okuma—"While it would be both unwise and premature to express at this time any opinion as to where and how the present war should be or will be terminated and peace restored, I feel certain and, therefore, safe to say that the experiences of this titanic struggle will bring most forcibly home to us all sense of the weighty burden and the horrible waste of war. There and then will be an opportunity for an impartial wise counsel to prevail. I mean the counsel for a reduction of armament and for the cultivation of the spirit of mutual toleration and esteem among people of different races and creeds, with consequent adherence on the part of all nations to

the principle of reciprocal freedom and equality in their intercourse with each other. As long as nations of the world live in armed peace and as long as they permit their peoples to be ruled by social animosities or national prejudices there can be no real peace and the world will have to suffer forever."

But who is to be the one that shall give such an impartial counsel and have it listened to? To me it looks as if by Providence the United States is kept apart from the present momentous struggle. I sincerely hope she will remain so throughout it." Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg—"I have been asked by the editor of the World's Work to give an answer to the question, how the United States could best make its neutrality serviceable for the purpose of helping the cause of humanity during the present terrible war. The answer seems obvious. "The people of the United States will best serve the cause of peace and humanity by being not only neutral according to the letter of President

Wilson's proclamation, but also impartial in the spirit of his further utterances. This is the only way to gain the confidence of the whole world, and without this confidence the United States cannot hope to render the important services to the cause of humanity which it wishes to render."

"Germany hopes that peace will come soon. After the great sacrifices which the German nation has brought with an unanimity and devotion without parallel in history, no peace can, however, be accomplished which does not guarantee Germany against a second attack from its present enemies. Germany does not wish to dominate the world, or, like British navalism, to rule the waves." All it wants is equal opportunity, open door politics, and open commerce throughout the world. Least of all does Germany desire to seek expansion on the American continent. This, however, has been said so often officially by the imperial government, that I need hardly repeat it here."

Official Austrian View.—"When, after the dreadful slaughter of hundreds

COTTON DECISION.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The interstate commerce commission today declined to authorize the establishment of additional through routes and a joint rate of seventy-five cents a hundred pounds on cotton from Oklahoma points to Galveston.

It was held that though "there are greater commercial advantages for disposition of cotton at Wichita Falls, Texas, than at Altus, Oklahoma, and the fact that no charges are made by the express at the former point for handling or storage of concentrated cotton, while such charges are made by the Altus express," did not justify the establishment of additional through routes.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Freight rates on green fruit in ear loads averaging \$1.66 a hundred pounds from Utah to destinations in Oklahoma, were found by the interstate commerce commission today to be unduly discriminatory as compared with rates averaging ninety-five cents to Arkansas destinations. The roads were ordered to establish a parity of rates.

ALIENS JOIN IN SUIT TO WRECK ARIZONA LAW

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 31.—Twenty-five Mexicans, Japanese and Chinese have joined in filing a suit praying the county superior court to grant an injunction forbidding the enforcement of the alien labor law, which is to go into effect January 1. They alleged the law violates the constitution of the United States and rights given foreigners under various foreign treaties. A similar suit now is pending before the tribunal of the United States judge in Los Angeles.

FEDERAL YARD ORDERED TO BUILD TORPEDO DESTROYER

Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 31.—Telegraphic authority has been received at Mare Island navy yard from Washington to proceed with the construction of the first torpedo boat destroyer for the United States navy ever awarded to a government yard for construction.

WILLIAMS JOINS SPEAKER FIGHT

Governor-Elect Does Not Favor Ben Harrison and Practically Eliminates That Candidate.

MEMBER'S CAUCUS CALLED

The Democratic Representatives Will Meet Saturday and Lay Plans For House Control.

Sensational developments came thick and fast in the house speakership race Thursday. Following close upon the heels of the announcement of the arrest of Tom Hunter of Hugo, on a federal indictment charging him with introduction of liquor, came the news from reliable sources that Governor-elect Williams had taken a hand in the speakership game.

Word was passed down the line that the governor-elect will not stand for the election of Secretary of State Ben Harrison. It was learned positively that the next executive in opposition to the candidacy of Harrison on the grounds that he has been closely affiliated with the Cramer administration and a member of the board of school land commissioners around which have centered the same scandal, Marland lease and other scandals.

New Members Active.

As a climax to these sensational developments came the news from inside sources that the new members of the legislature have decided to take matters into their own hands and to organize the house, if possible, along the lines of an absolutely new deal. One of the central figures of this new deal movement is Paul Nesbitt of McAlester, one of the new house members who has written all the Democratic members of the house, who were not members of the house organization last year, to come to Oklahoma City Saturday and attend a Democratic house caucus which he has called for that day.

At the time he issued the call Nesbitt did not figure on becoming a candidate for speaker, but in view of developments of the last twenty-four hours which may eliminate Ben Harrison and Tom Hunter, two of the strongest candidates up to the present time, Nesbitt has become at last a receptive candidate. At the meeting of new members Saturday the new deal movement will be thoroughly discussed and the strength of each candidate for speaker who has subscribed to it will be sounded. The one that appears to have enough votes to put him over after the conference will probably get the support of some of the other candidates who belong to the new deal movement.

No Promises.

Most of the candidates for speaker, who have previously shied their castors into the ring, have either been aligned with former legislatures or with the Cramer administration. Nesbitt is a new member, while Harrison, Glasco, Hunter and McCrory have been members of previous legislatures. He has told friends that if elected speaker there will be no trading and not a single promise made to any member in order to land the place.

The thunderbolts that have broken over the heads of Ben Harrison and Tom Hunter, the two Indian candidates for speaker, have not shaken either in their determination to stay in the race. Harrison would make no statement today but some of his friends say that he is going to stay in the contest. Hunter gave out a statement from his home at Hugo that his arrest is a political deal and staged just at the right time to have its effect upon his speakership ambitions but that he is going to stay in just the same. It is known however that some of Hunter's chief supporters are panicky today because of his alleged admission in the morning dispatches that he had authorized the liquor purchase to be made in part at least for him.

Some members take the view that Hunter's arrest absolutely eliminates him from the speakership race. Others say that it will not injure him but if anything make him stronger. There is a possibility however that the governor-elect may also oppose the candidacy of Hunter, following the arrest incident although nothing has developed along that line up to date.

Kate Barnard, commissioner of charities and corrections is helping to fight the battles of Ben Harrison as she believes the Indians would get a square deal if he were speaker. She also is friendly to Hunter and is also a Choctaw Indian and believed to favor Miss Barnard's policies for protecting the red men and their children.

LEASE COMPLAINTS

School Land Board Receives Letter From D. H. Linebaugh Telling of Oil Land Objections.

While the school land board was in session today a letter was received from D. H. Linebaugh, United States district attorney for the east side, saying that complaints had been made to the department that oil leases in sections 31, 6, 8, 17, 18 and 19 in river beds, awarded by the school land commission, had not been entered in conformity with regulations, and if such was the case his department may order all these leases cancelled, by January 15.

The department of justice will probably make an investigation. The claim of the department is on the ground that river bed leases are under the control of the government in behalf of the Indians and not the state which matter is yet in the courts for final settlement.

Six French Bluejackets Face Certain Death to Win Town on Yser Canal From Germans

Paris, Dec. 31.—How the heroic self sacrifice of six French bluejackets made possible the capture of St. Georges, a town two miles from Nieuport, is described by the Matin's correspondent in Flanders:

"The attackers had driven the Germans from the advance trenches but taking refuge in houses in the village, the Germans soon placed their snailshells in a difficult position. The situation of a force of Belgians isolated on a strip of land surrounded by flood became critical and artillery alone was able to affect anything against the enemy. The British batteries at Ramscapelle tried, but their shells burst over the French."

"Six bluejackets then hoisted a three inch gun on a large punt and poled along the canal behind the village running the gauntlet of the German rifles. As one was hit another took the pole and continued until he in turn fell stricken. The sixth man was mortally wounded as with a last push he sent the punt to the bank where the French advance guard was waiting."

"The gun quickly was landed and a few shots at 300 yards brought the Germans on top of the Germans, who retreated into the arms of a battalion of Belgians."

The latter completed the enemy's rout. Meanwhile the French took possession of the ruins which was for-

merly St. Georges and before night engineers had established a bridge enabling the allies artillery to debouch on the right bank of the Yser.

JEWELRY FOUND IN OLD SHIRT

Prisoner Tells Woman Where to Get Package and She Reports Find to Police.

Nearly \$2,500 worth of jewelry answering to the description of that stolen from J. L. Ewing, a jeweler of Mangum, Ok., was recovered by Oklahoma City police today. Frank LeClaire, was arrested by Captain Dunham yesterday afternoon when attempting to sell some jewelry.

The discovery of the jewelry was made through a woman who visited the jail to see one of the inmates this morning. While there LeClaire gave her an address where he said she could get him a clean shirt which he wanted. He cautioned her to leave it just as it was according to her story. The woman found the shirt in a lunchroom on West California street, and in wrapping it, found it to contain jewelry. She immediately reported the find to police officials.

Bertillon measurements were taken of LeClaire this morning and he will be returned to Mangum for prosecution, it is said.

WATCHING GOLD FISH NEW INSANITY CURE

New York, Dec. 31.—A new cure for mild forms of insanity has been announced—gold fish. This was divulged at a meeting of the American Federation of Gold Fish Fanatics in Brooklyn. It was proposed to start a movement which should place gold fish in the wards of every hospital where the "mildly insane" are confined. The movements of the fish, if watched closely by the patient, will cure insanity, it is said.

But the fish must be placed in square jars. The round bowls prove the gold fish—give 'em auto intoxication."

THE WEATHER

Generally fair weather tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.

	7 a. m.	8 a. m.	9 a. m.	10 a. m.	11 a. m.	12 noon	1 p. m.	2 p. m.	3 p. m.
Temperature	29	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44
Wind	N. by E.	N. by E.	N. by E.	N. by E.	N. by E.	N. by E.	N. by E.	N. by E.	N. by E.
Clouds	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Humidity	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
Barometer	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0

A high pressure area, attended by fair and moderately cold weather, overspreads the entire United States. A low pressure area has developed in the far north-west, this disturbance has not been attended by precipitation but is giving warmer weather in the western Canadian provinces and Montana. Very light snow flurries have occurred since Wednesday morning in the lower lake region and upper Ohio valley and light rains has fallen in the Oregon-Washington coast section. Except as above mentioned there has been no precipitation during the past twenty-four hours. The northwesterly "low" will move outward along the Canadian border and there are no indications of a disturbance in the southwest.

Girl Earning \$6 a Week Must Go Hungry or Receive Outside Help Says Woman Worker

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 31.—A girl who earns only \$6 a week must go hungry unless she receives some outside help, Mrs. Glendower Evans, of

ASKS REHEARING IN A ROAD SUIT

Attorney General West Appeals to Supreme Court in Guthrie Viaduct Case Decided Against State.

Attorney General Charles West late yesterday afternoon filed a petition in the supreme court asking for a rehearing of the Guthrie viaduct case.

The court held that the corporation commission had no authority to order the Santa Fe to build a viaduct over its tracks at Guthrie because the improvement was not necessary for the safety of passengers or freight being transported over the railroad at that point. The court also laid down the general rule that in all cases where the safety of passengers or freight was not involved the local authorities and not the corporation commission have sole authority to order improvements.

The petition is based largely upon the contention that the court misconstrued the provision of the constitution which confers authority on the corporation commission regulate the affairs of the public service corporations where the interests of the public are involved.

Boston, declared today before the American Economic association. Mrs. Evans has been connected with the work incident to the establishment of a minimum wage scale in Massachusetts and has made an extensive survey of conditions there.

"The vast majority of wage earning women work because they must," she said, "and the vast majority earn wages far below the requirements of a decent living."

"How then do they live? I answer, for the most part by enduring every form of privation. The majority of them, I believe, are terribly underfed. Every study of budgets and living conditions that I know of shows this. Sometimes women confess it plainly. 'I don't know how I ever lived,' or 'I almost starved,' they will say in explaining their circumstances. Others are too proud to confess their privations. 'You see I am dieting,' was the explanation of a girl for her two cent lunch at a cafeteria."

Mrs. Evans then told the story of a girl that made six dollars a week whom the minimum wage commission of Massachusetts interviewed. The girl admitted that she received money from illicit resources. She declared she was forced to go hungry when she tried to live on \$6 a week.

"I do not tell you this story, that an inference may be drawn in regard to low wages which I do not draw," Mrs. Evans said. "I tell it to illustrate the point I have made, that a girl who earns \$6 a week, unless she is helped out somehow, must go hungry."